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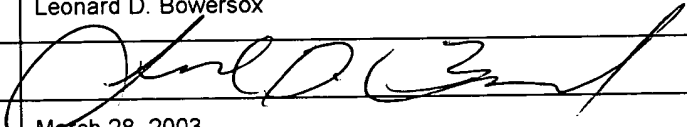
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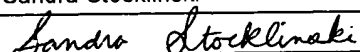
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 28, 2003

Sir:

This Response to Restriction Requirement is in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2003, for which the Examiner has set a one-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before April 10, 2003.

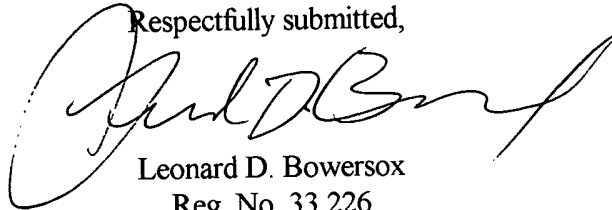
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 10, 2003, applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-15, 16-18, and 48-50, for further prosecution at this time. Applicants make this election without traverse.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement imposed on this application and the timely examination of the pending claims. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants or Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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